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WARNING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

At the big Special Inter-American Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Secretary of State Dean Rusk on Monday delivered an important message from President Lyndon B. Johnson.



Secretary Rusk

In effect, the Johnson warning was that the Western Hemisphere cannot safely tolerate power grabs by either Communists or Fascists... that the Organization of American States ought to form an armed force capable of rush action to head off any such threatened grab... but that if a joint force is not forthcoming the United States of America will do the preventive jobs on its own and as often as may be necessary.

This tough talk wanted uttering, we believe, even though it irritated the Mexican and Chilean governments and maybe some others.

The United States has been so soft for so long toward Fidel Castro, and the Dominican Republic intervention seems to be coming apart so happily for the DomRep Reds, that we think it was high time for Uncle Sam to sound a warning to Red and other adventurers.

And now, if our leaders would only get up the courage to squelch the Reds in the Dominican Republic and clap a real air-sea blockade on Cuba, we think they would have the backing of some 90% of Americans, and we feel sure that President James Monroe would cease to spin in his grave.